GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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WORKING CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEES IN NSFS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in `Tribune` on November 6, 2001 regarding working conditions of Joint Secretary/Asstt. Secretary, associated with various National Sports Federations(NSFs);

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have received any representations from the employees of NSFs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the service conditions of these employees?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON.RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (d): The News item which appeared in the Tribune on November 6,2001 refers to the demand of Joint Secretary/Assistant Secretaries associated with various National Sports Federations for benefits like House Rent Allowance (HRA), City Compensatory Allowance (CCA), Transport Allowance, LTC, GPF, PPF and promotional benefits which are generally admissible to Government employees other than the Basic Pay & Dearness Allowance.The Govt. has received several representations from the employees of National Sports Federations in which they have demanded benefits which are admissible to all Government employees.

(e) The National Sports Federations are autonomous organizations engaged in promotion of Sports.They are being provided assistance by the Government for holding of National Championships, purchase of sports equipment and participation of Indian teams in International sports events. The Federations situated in Delhi are also reimbursed the salary of the paid Assistant Secretaries/Joint Secretary in the pay scale of Rs.5500-9000 and Rs.6500-10500 plus dearness allowance.No other allowance namely, house rent allowance, city compensatory allowance, medical allowance, LTC etc. are admissible to Assistant Secretaries/Joint Secretary as per the existing Government guidelines. Since they are employees of autonomous organizations, the terms and conditions of employment are to be determined by their employers and it may not be logical for them to claim pay and allowances at par with Government employees. Due to budgetary constraints, it is also not possible for the Government to extend any additional benefits as requested in their representation. However, the National Sports Federations are at liberty to consider extending these benefits to their Assistant Secretary/Joint Secretary from their own resources.